

MINUTES
KICKAPOO RESERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD
KICKAPOO VALLEY RESERVE VISITOR CENTER
November 15, 2018

- I. 7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Chair Ron Johnson.
- Board members in attendance: Ron Johnson, Paul Hayes, Richard Wallin, Reggie Nelson, Susan Cushing, Dave Maxwell, Travis Downing; absent: Tracy Littlejohn, A.J. Mann, Bill Quackenbush. Staff present: Marcy West, Jason Leis, Jonel Kiesau, Erica Cronk, Jackie Yocum.
 - Motion by Maxwell/Downing to approve the agenda. Unanimous.
 - Cushing/Downing motion to approve September 27, 2018 minutes; motion carried.
 - Compliance with open meeting law: West – Yes, it's been posted in compliance with State law.
- II. Officer Elections: Johnson turns the meeting over to West for nomination of Board Chair. West requests nominations; Hayes/Wallin motion to nominate Ron Johnson; nominations requested two additional times; all in favor of Johnson continuing as Chair – Unanimous. Johnson requests nominations for Vice Chair; Hayes/Downing motion to nominate Dick Wallin; two additional requests and Unanimous support for Wallin. Johnson requests nominations for Secretary/Treasurer; Hayes/Wallin nominate Susan Cushing; two additional requests for nominations and Unanimous consent for Cushing to continue as Secretary/Treasurer.
- III. Budget Report -
- West - [handout provided]. Review Year to Date Appropriation summary. DOA behind on transferring deposits/revenue into appropriate accounts. 12100 Revenue accounts, carries over from year to year – 12400 Tribal Gaming/Enforcement accounts – 12200 Gifts and Grants account, currently have Driftless Dialogue grant – 16100 account. Review FY19 so far July-November.
 - Committee Recommendations [handout provided]. 2019 Fees discussed – Education and Tourism committee recommends leaving regular KVR use fees the same but increase summer camp fees. Increase camp fees by \$25 for each camp except Forest Friends and Kinder Camp. Scholarships will remain an option through Friends of KVR. Land Management committee agreed with increase in summer camp fees and leave other use fees (camping and permits) as is. Land Management committee recommends increasing wedding ceremony fee to include a base rate of \$2,500 if using the visitor center facility. Maxwell/Cushing motion to increase summer camp fees by \$25 and ceremony fee to include base rate of \$2,500. Motion carries.
 - Discussion on Outfitters/Guide – Wallin reports Land Management committee suggests having a fee and permit in place for outfitting services offered on Kickapoo Reserve property. Benefits include having a process in place in which outfitters are familiar with property and KVR rules and ensure more accountability. Consider requiring proof of insurance and CPR certification. Cushing adds safety is another benefit, knowing which groups are out there and where to look for them. Do not have a fee in place yet; consider a percentage-based fee. Leis mentions all users will still be required to have a day use or annual permit. Hayes need to define what an outfitter is considered. Land Management will bring recommendation to April 2019 KRMB meeting.
- IV. Education and Tourism Committee Update: Kiesau – Met November 8, 2018
- More than usual number of school groups this fall. Summer Camp budget was tighter than hoped but increased camp fees in 2019 will help with that. Winter Fest planning underway – live auction will be held during Creative Communities Event in March 2019 instead of Winter Fest – a smaller, silent auction will be held during Winter Fest. Friends of Kickapoo Valley Reserve pledged \$25,000 towards exhibit upgrade. Next committee meeting January 17, 2019.

- Hayes commented himself and others have had several groups on the property this summer. Need to make sure these counts are being reported and recorded even if these groups are not coming in the visitor center.

V. Land Management Committee Update: Wallin and Leis – Met November 13, 2018

- Leis provided flood recovery update – most of southwest trails reopened. Snowmobile trail ready to go. Hay Valley trail still needs repair. Looking at long term solutions for flood damage. Discussion about restructuring landings (specifically 5 & 7). Wallin should consider seal coating. Spent \$15,000 so far in gravel since flooding in August 2018. Hayes, we need to think about water quality/toxicity if seal-coating.
- Acorn seeding by Weister Creek completed November 9 at no cost with help from DNR forester. Yocum and DNR forester planted in rows black walnut, oak and hickory. Enough room was left to mow between rows.
- Leis report on pine harvest – logger acknowledged County P West stands are completed. Jug Creek/Palmer Road not yet complete; ground too soft to finish right now; will wait for ground to freeze; intend to complete this year. Next and final harvest will be by Indian Creek Road; won't happen until 2019.
- Enforcement is scheduled for gun-deer hunting season; DNR has again this year provided a kiosk for CWD sampling – located north of Rockton Bridge on Cut-Off Road.

VI. Other:

- Audience – no issues.
- Agency Liaisons – no issues.
- Friends of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve – West update: Upcoming Friends Events – Holiday Happening December 1st
- Board and Staff: – West update: Patti Knower gone for winter months; Ali Dickson's last day today; Visitor Center is closed on Sunday's until May 2019; planning in process for Winter Fest being held January 12, 2019.

VII. Calls for Suggestions of Future Agenda Items – none.

VIII. Next KRMB meeting December 20, 2018, if needed. Downing/Maxwell motion to adjourn; motion carries. Meeting adjourned 8:10PM.

IX. Recorded by: Erica Cronk